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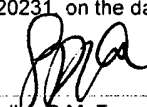
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/351,149; Entitled "Cancer Treatment Kits Comprising Therapeutic Conjugates that Bind to Aminophospholipids"; Inventors: Thorpe and Ran; Client Reference: UTSMC/DAL:556--2*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) An Amendment; and Response to First Office Action dated November 07, 2000, with Exhibits A, B (pending claims) C and D; and
- (2) A return postcard listing these materials.

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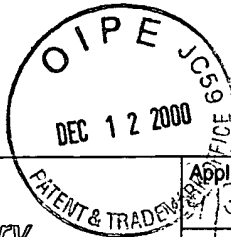
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/7/00, 7/12/00
- ☐ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 2-43, 57-62, 66 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 2-43, 57-62, 66 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
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- ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Group Art Unit location and the **examiner of the application has been changed**. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Dr. **Geetha P. Bansal**, Group Art Unit **1642**.

2. Applicant's amendment filed July 13, 2000 (Paper No: 12/A) is acknowledged. Accordingly, claims 1, 44-56, 63-65 have been canceled without prejudice, and claim 66 has been added.

Claims 2-43, 57-62, 66 are being examined.

3. Applicant's election of Group I (claims 2-43 and 57-62, 66) is noted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

1. Claims 2-43, 57-62, 66 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A. It is not clear in the claims what is meant by the term "operatively attached". Is the first binding ligand physically attached to a targeting "agent"?

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B. It is unclear as to what is meant by a first binding ligand comprising a cytotoxic agent?

What does the part comprising the cytotoxic agent bind to and is that different from the part the targeting agent binds to?

C. It is not clear what the term "agent" encompasses?

D. It is not clear what the difference is between "killing tumour vascular endothelial cells" and "destroying tumor vasculature" is.

2. No claim is allowed

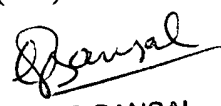
11. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1640 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1640 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center telephone number is (703) 308-4242 or (703) 305-3014.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. Geetha P. Bansal whose telephone number is (703) 305-3955. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Thursdays from 7:00am to 4:30pm and alternate Fridays from 7:00am to 3:30pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Anthony Caputa, can be reached on (703) 308-3995.

11. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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